MEMORANDUM

TO: Federally Qualified Health Centers /Rural Health Centers (FQHCs/RHCs) QUEST Integration (QI) Health Plans

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENT – FQHC/RHC REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION

This memorandum is being issued as Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Centers (FQHCs/RHCs) are now one of the providers who are able to receive reimbursement for the administration of COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody products.

In our assessment, the cost to provide monoclonal treatments is not currently included in FQHC/RHC Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate calculation. Therefore, FQHCs/RHCs that administer monoclonal infusion therapy or by injection are to be reimbursed at the fee-for-service (FFS) rather than their PPS rate.

The administration of monoclonal antibodies must be in accordance with current FDA guidelines. Details on reimbursement of the administration fee in terms of codes, rates, and effective dates are outlined below. The FQHC/RHC should bill only the FFS administration fee for the monoclonal therapy and will not be eligible for PPS on the same day unless it is for an issue unrelated to the administration of the monoclonal therapy.
This policy supports MQD’s continued COVID-19 public health emergency response and recovery efforts to provide timely care with improved outcomes, increase access to care in our beneficiary’s communities, and decrease hospitalization.

Should you have questions please contact Leslie K. Tawata, Clinical Standards Office Administrator at ltawata@dhs.hawaii.gov.

References:
1) FDA: Drugs. https://www.fda.gov/drugs
2) CMS: COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies, modified 9/10/21. COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies